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1. ROMANIAN POSITION FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT (REFTEL) WAS OUTLINED TO EMBOFF ON MARCH 8 BY MARIN BUHOARA (MFA JURIDICAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE) AS FOLLOWS:

2. GOR ENVISAGES THAT SPECIAL SESSION, AS ONE STAGE IN HANDLING WORLD "CRISIS," WILL HEAR GENERAL STATEMENTS ON ISSUES. GOR HOPES SESSION WILL LEAD TO LATER "GENERAL CONFERENCE" UNDER UN AEGIS INVOLVING ALL UN MEMBER STATES. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH NEW "DEMOCRATIC" BASIC PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN ECONOMIC RELATIONS PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY.

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3. BASIC PRINCIPLES MIGHT INCLUDE: (A) RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO BE MASTER OF OWN NATURAL RESOURCES, AS WELL AS RIGHT OF EACH STATE LACKING CERTAIN RESOURCES TO HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE IT NEEDS ON MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS ECONOMIC TERMS; (B) RECOGNITION OF "PROPER CORRELATION" BETWEEN PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING PETROLEUM, AND OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, I.E., TERMS OF TRADE; (C) MEANS TO ENSURE THAT PETROLEUM, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER ENERGY SOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS, NOT BE USED AS MEANS OF APPLYING "POLITICAL PRESSURE" OR TO INTERFERE IN ANOTHER STATE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS; (C) AGREEMENT ON MORE RATIONAL USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES; (E) COOPERATION IN EXPLORING FOR AND DEVELOPING NEW ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES; (F) "FREE ACCESS" TO NEW TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH RESULTS, AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES IN ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS FIELD; (G) PORTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL SOURCES (BUHOARA SAID MAJOR POWERS MIGHT LOGICALLY BE EXPECTED TO BE SOLE OR AT LEAST PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS, SINCE THEIR MILITARY OUTLAYS WERE MUCH LARGER AND "PRINCIPLE" OF SUCH MAJOR-POWER RESPONSIBILITY HAD ALREADY BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED IN DISARMAMENT FIELD); (H) RECOGNITION OF JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, I.E., "DEMOCRATIZATION."

4. BUHOARA SAID GOR FELT SOME NEW FOLLOW-ON MECHANISM OR FORUM OUGHT TO BE CREATED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THESE PRINCIPLES BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTUAL PRACTICE. GOR BELIEVED SUCH UN ACTION IN ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS FIELD COULD PROVIDE NEW DEMONSTRATION OF UN'S IMPORTANCE. BUHOARA ADDED THAT NATURALLY GOR SUGGESTIONS WERE PUT FORTH TENTATIVELY, THERE WOULD BE WIDELY VARIED VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED, AND AS USUAL GOR WOULD BE WORKING, WITH LONG-TERM AIMS IN VIEW, FOR GRADUAL CONSENSUS AMONG ALL PARTIES.

5. BUHOARA SAID IT WAS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ABOUT MAKEUP OF DELEGATIONS BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS USUAL LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT SPECIAL SESSIONS; HE NOTED PRESS SPECULATION ABROAD THAT CERTAIN STATES MIGHT FAVOR PRIME MINISTER LEVEL.

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6. COMMENT: GOR POSITION, CONSISTENT WITH OVERALL POLICY, IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ROMANIA'S CONCERN TO GET INTERNATIONAL DECISION-MAKING OUT OF HANDS OF SUPERPOWERS TO GREATER EXTENT AND ALLOW INCREASED VOICE FOR SMALLER STATES THROUGH UN MECHANISMS. OVERLAP OF GOR POSITION WITH THOSE OF THIRD-WORLD CLUB AS REGARDS ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS INDICATES ROMANIAN WILL NOT BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AT FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSION. NEVERTHELESS, ABOVE GOR "SUGGESTIONS"

REFLECT GOR'S STILL AMBIVALENT STATUS AS (1) AMBITIOUSLY
INDUSTRIALIZING STATE DEPENDENT TO LARGE EXTENT UPON IMPORTED
RAW MATERIALS AND THEREFORE VULNERABLE IN SOME AREAS TO
ECONOMIC PRESSURE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES (E.G., RECENT
DISPLEASURE OF SOME ARAB OIL STATES WITH ROMANIA'S TIES
WITH ISRAEL); AND (2) SELF-STYLED "DEVELOPING" NATION
INCHING METHODICALLY TOWARD GREATER INDEPENDENCE FROM SOVIET
INFLUENCE, FLIRTING WITH NON-ALIGNMENT, AND VIGOROUSLY
UPHOLDING RIGHTS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM STATES, STRENGTHEND
UN ROLE IN DECIDING INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, AND THE SHARING
OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.
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